

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Summary of Action
September 14, 2009

The School Budget Review Committee met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2009, at the Department of Education, ICN Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

- 1. Committee Informational Items.** Reviewed the decisions of the previous hearings session of the School Budget Review Committee and received an update on corrective action plans for negative unspent balances. Clarification has been sent to all districts that it is the district's responsibility to calculate its unspent balance by October 1 following the close of the fiscal year and begin creating its corrective action plan to be submitted to the SBRC if its unspent balance is negative.
- 2. Cedar Rapids Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$1,649,648 for costs associated with an unusual loss of students displaced as a direct result of a natural disaster.
- 3. College Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$3,235,229 for initial staffing of a new building.
- 4. Central Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 5. Corwith-Wesley Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 6. Nishna Valley Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 7. Pekin Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 8. Prairie Valley Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 9. Riverside Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 10. Rockwell City-Lytton Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 11. Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.

- 12. South Clay Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 13. Spirit Lake Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 14. St. Ansgar Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 15. West Sioux Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 16. Woden-Crystal Lake Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district. Tabled the request for modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$120,333 pending receipt of the recommendations in the district's feasibility study conducted in accordance with Iowa Code sections 256.9(34) and 275.2 and the district's written response to those recommendations at a future hearing.
- 17. Algona Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 18. Exira Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 19. Twin Rivers Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 20. Washington Community School District.** Reviewed and discussed the progress report with the district.
- 21. Waterloo Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$254,835 for costs of asbestos abatement projects pending receipt of paid invoices or firm bids. Denied modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$248,391 for costs associated with on-going staff costs related to environmental issues in the district.
- 22. Southeast Polk Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$698,644 for start up costs associated with opening a new school building.
- 23. Reorganization Progress Reports.** Accepted the reports of progress toward reorganization submitted by the whole grade sharing districts listed for approval and allowed those districts to request supplementary weighting for whole grade sharing on their October 1, 2009, certified supplementary weighting enrollment for eligible resident students.

Districts that did not submit reports or did not make adequate progress toward reorganization are also listed.

Approval granted:

Alden & Iowa Falls
Anthon-Oto & Maple Valley
Bennett (one-way sharing) & Durant
Dows (one-way sharing) & Clarion-Goldfield
Eldora-New Providence & Hubbard-Radcliffe
Graettinger & Terril
Greene & Allison-Bristow
IKM & Manning
Malvern & Nishna Valley
Nora Springs & North Central
North Kossuth & Sentral
Prescott (one-way sharing) & Corning & Orient-Macksburg
Rockwell-Swaledale & SCMT
Sac & Wall Lake View Auburn
Titonka & Woden-Crystal Lake

Approval not granted:

Gilmore City-Bradgate & Twin Rivers
North Winneshiek (one-way sharing) & Decorah
Schleswig (one-way sharing) & Denison.

Districts not requesting supplementary weighting:

Anita & C & M
Fredericksburg & Sumner

24. Application for Excess Costs of Limited English Proficient programs. Approved modified allowable growth for the 2009-2010 school year the amount of \$61,681 for Glenwood Community School District for excess costs of limited English proficient programs not previously requested.

25. Certificate of Need. Accepted the recommendation of the task force regarding the certificates of need and made the recommendation to the department to approve the request from Schleswig and not to approve the request from Morning Sun.

26. Additional Committee Informational Items. Discussed possible ways to reduce printing, postage, ICN and other costs related to the SBRC.